

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

GTE NORTH INCORPORATED,)
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED, AND)
BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK DATA, INC.)

Joint Petition of GTE North Incorporated,
GTE South Incorporated, and
Bell Atlantic Data Network, Inc.
For Adoption
Pursuant To 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i)
Regarding Adoption
of an Interconnection Agreement.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
ADOPTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
AMONG GTE NORTH INCORPORATED,
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED, AND BELL ATLANTIC DATA NETWORK, INC.

GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated, Joint Petitioners herein, make the following verified Statement in Support of Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement Among GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and Bell Atlantic Data Network, Inc.


1. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Federal Act”), Bell Atlantic Data Network, Inc. (“BAND”) notified GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated (collectively, “GTE”) that it desired to adopt the terms of the Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) between GTE and Northpoint Communications, Inc. approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) in Docket No. 99-NA-052. Subsequent to this, GTE and BAND signed an adoption letter relating to BAND’s adoption of the terms of the Agreement.

2. GTE will continue to make the arrangements set forth in the Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating

within the State of Illinois to the extent required and permitted under Section 252(i) of the Federal Act. Thus, this filing is not discriminatory.

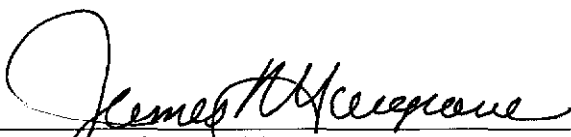
GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated respectfully submit the Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement Among GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and Bell Atlantic Data Network, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of June, 2000.

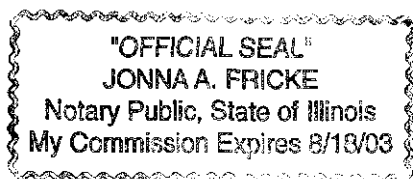

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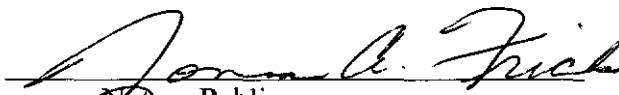
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF MCLEAN) ss VERIFICATION

James R. Hargrave, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Assistant Vice President-Regulatory & Governmental Affairs for GTE North Incorporated; that he is authorized by GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Statement in Support Of An Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement Among GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and Bell Atlantic Network Data, Inc. and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Assistant Vice President-Regulatory & Governmental
Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this
27 day of June 2000.




Notary Public

My commission expires:

8/18/03